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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Request, claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that dependent claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to hold in abeyance the rewriting of claim 11 until the Examiner has had the opportunity to reconsider the rejected parent claims in light of the arguments presented below in support of the Applicant's traverse of the rejection.

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